

Categorical Exclusion Determination and Decision Record For Southern Oregon Public Television (SOPTV) RW Application, OR 65612

Description of Proposed Action: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to reauthorize the existing facility at the Buck Rock Communication Site to SOPTV for a 20-year term. The site is located on public land in Section 15, T33S, R1W, Willamette Meridian. The facility consists of a low-power TV translator which provides public television to a rural area in Jackson County, Oregon.

Plan Conformance Review

This proposal was not scoped and the public was not involved in its development. This proposal is consistent with policy directed by the following:

- *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (Northwest Forest Plan FSEIS, 1994 and ROD, 1994);
- *Final-Medford District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision* (EIS, 1994 and RMP/ROD, 1995);
- *Record of Decision To Remove the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines from the Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plans Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (USDI 2007); and
- *Medford District Integrated Weed Management Plan Environmental Assessment* (1998) and tiered to the *Final-Northwest Area Noxious Weed Control Program Environmental Impact Statement* (EIS, 1985).

This proposal would be consistent with management direction in the Medford District Resource Management Plan that directs the BLM to continue to make BLM-administered lands available for needed rights-of-way where consistent with local comprehensive plans, Oregon state-wide planning goals and rules, and the exclusion and avoidance areas identified in the Resource Management Plan (USDI 1995, p. 82).

Categorical Exclusion Determination

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as provided in United States Department of the Interior Departmental Manual 516 DM 11, Appendix 11.5 E (9), Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization(s).

None of the exceptions to categorical exclusions apply.

Project Design Features

None identified. This is a renewal of existing right-of-way.

Decision

Based on the attached NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) Categorical Exclusion Review, I have determined the proposed action involves no significant impact to the human environment and no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve a re-authorization to SOPTV for the existing low-power TV translator facility located at Buck Rock.

Decision Rationale

The decision is to implement the proposed action as described above.

The proposed action has been reviewed by the Butte Falls Resource Area staff and appropriate Project Design Features will be incorporated into the proposal as specified above.

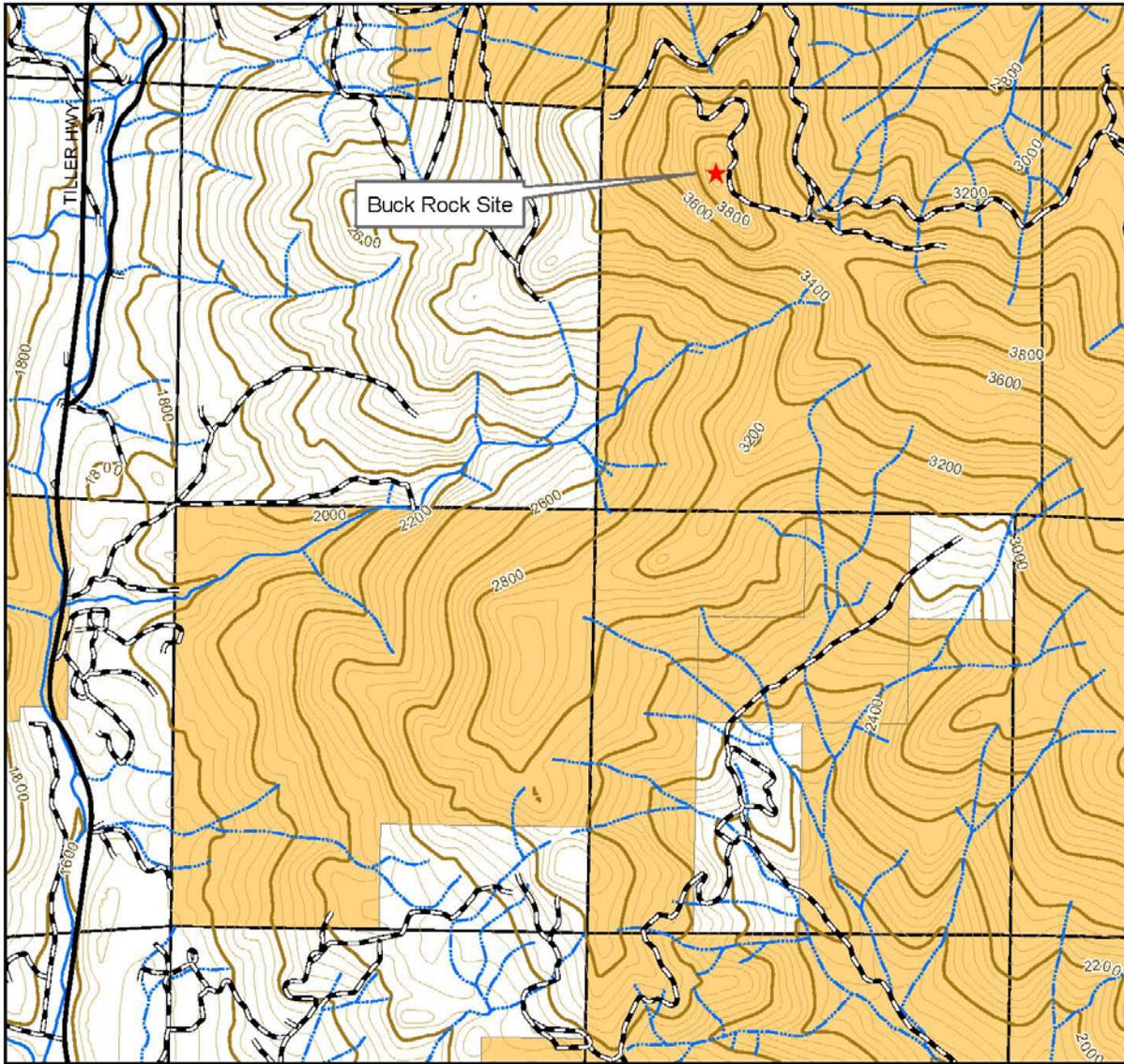
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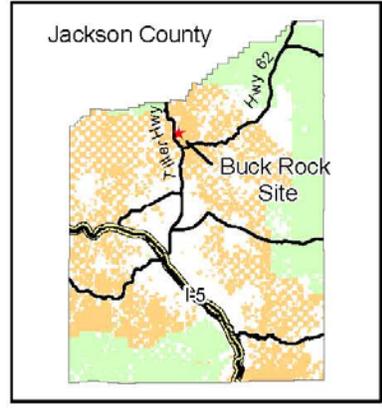
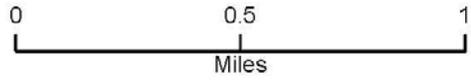
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Permit #: OR65612
Buck Rock Site

T33S R1W Sec 15



-  Buck Rock Site
-  Road
-  Perennial Stream
-  Intermittent Stream
-  200 ft. Index Contour
-  40 ft. Intermediate Contour
-  BLM-Administered
-  Forest Service



NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review

Proposed Action

Re-authorization of existing communication site facility on public land. The facility is located at Buck Rock in the Butte Falls Resource Area.

Department of the Interior Manual 516 2.3.A(3) provides for a review of the following criteria for categorical exclusion to determine if exceptions apply to the proposed action based on actions which may:

- 1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 2. Have adverse effects on such unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JS

Remarks: _____

- 7. Have adverse effects properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

() Yes (x) No

Initial JCM

Remarks: _____

8. Affects a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species.

Plants () Yes (X) No Initial MW

Remarks: _____

Animals () Yes (X) No Initial DR

Remarks: Avoid trail maintenance on final 250 meters of ATV trail Feb 1st through July 31st

Fish () Yes (X) No Initial SL

Remarks: _____

9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

() Yes (X) No

Initial SLS

Remarks: _____

10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.

() Yes (X) No

Initial JW

Remarks: _____

I have reviewed the proposed action in accordance with the above criteria and have determined the proposed action would not involve any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the proposed action does not meet any of the criteria for exception and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11, Appendix 11.5 E (9).

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